

Regarding the Morse Code Requirement for Amateur Licensing,

I am definitely in favor of dropping the Morse code requirement for amateur radio licensing. I am equally in favor of increasing the difficulty of the exams and including more attention to understanding of the digital modes and the characteristics of operation and circuit design with respect to the digital modes.

Licensed operators should have a real understanding of the systems they are using from signal generation and detection through amplification, transmission and propagation.

Licensed operators should also have a clear understanding of the rules and regulations regarding the privileges and responsibilities each license class is awarded.

I would also support the requirement for continuous testing at the time of license renewal since the technology of this art seems to change rapidly and licensed operators should maintain their understanding at the state of the art.

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